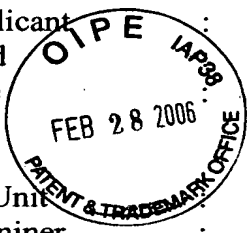


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 9, 2006. Applicant hereby elects Group I, without prejudice or disclaimer. The present paper is timely filed, as it is together with a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time up to and including March 9, 2006, along with the requisite fee. Should the Petition for Extension of Time be missing or insufficient, please consider this paper to constitute a request for the appropriate extension of time.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 6-33, without prejudice.

REMARKS

I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has characterized the claim set filed as comprising two inventions. In particular, the claims have been characterized in two groups.

Group I: claims 1 through 5, drawn to a method for determining the presence of anionic phospholipids in a sample of cells or vesicles using the